Education

Estimate of expenditure for exempting poor girls from school fees.

* 590 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Public Instruction has submitted the detailed estimate of the expenditure involved in giving effect to the resolution of this Council on 5th November 1927 on the question of exemption of poor girls reading in classes up to III form from the payment of fees; and

(b) if they have received the estimate, what action they propose to take in the matter?

A.—The estimate has not yet been received.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, when the estimates were called for?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Soon after the resolution was passed in this Council."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"Now that it is a long time since, may I know whether he will expedite and get the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, I will ask the Director of Public Instruction."

Classification of students in Government Colleges as rich and poor.

* 591 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the principles according to which students studying in Government colleges are classified as belonging to the richer, middle and poor classes respectively?

A.—Pupils the annual income of whose parents or guardians is Rs. 7,000 and upwards are classified as 'richer', those whose parents or guardians derive an annual income of Rs. 400 and upwards but below Rs. 7,000 are classified as 'middle' and those pupils the annual income of whose parents or guardians is below Rs. 400 are classed as 'poorer'.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister for Local Self-Government considers that a monthly income of Rs. 34 can be taken as representing the earning of a middle class man?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, Sir."

Local Boards

Throwing open to election the District and Taluk Boards in Kistna district.

* 592 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when the Kistna District Board and the taluk boards in the Kistna district are likely to be thrown open to election; and

(b) how many seats will be thrown open to election and how many will be kept for nomination for the Kistna District Board?